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Beginning with 1951, the observations collected by the Solar Division, AAVSO, have been reduced according to a new procedure, such that only high quality observations of experienced observers are combined into RA'. Observatory coefficients for each of the 23 selected observers were recomputed on data for 1948-1950, years when there was a wide range of solar activity. Otherwise, the procedure is that outlined in "Publication of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific, 61, 13, 1949. The scale of the American numbers in 1951 will differ from that of the reports for earlier years because of these changes, and the new series is designated RA' rather than RA.

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